



**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD
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**Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory Forever!**

September 13, 2015

**Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava Na Viki!**

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

Sept. 13 Sun. 8:00 AM +Kathleen Ryan by Ryan Children
 10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

SEVENTEENTH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST

EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

Sept 14 Mon. 10:00 AM +Anne Soyka by Children and Grandchildren
 7:30 PM Intention of Parishioners

Sept. 18 Fri. 10:00 AM +Harriet Wegman by Helen and Peter Wegman & Family

Sept. 19 Sat. 10:00 AM +Deacon Gerald McDonnell by Mary McDonnell

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

Sept. 20 Sun. 8:00 AM +Timothy Susco by Tom and Nancy Susco
 10:30 AM Intention of Parishioners

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE – September 20, 2015

Sept. 20 Sun. 8:00 AM BCY
 10:30 AM Demetrius Clark (L), T. Clark, J. Naccash, G. Noyes

USHER SCHEDULE – September 20, 2015

Sept. 20 Sun. 8:00 AM BCY
 10:30 AM M. Kernich (L), M. Bell, T. Fazio

Sunday before the Exaltation

September 13, 2015

Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The Exaltation is the second of the Twelve Feasts of the Church Year. This feast originally commemorated two historical events, first, the finding of the Cross by the Empress St. Helen in 326 when she supervised the excavations of Golgotha for the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Subsequently, on September 14, 355, the day after the dedication of the completed Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the lifting up of the Cross by Archbishop Macarius of Jerusalem while the people chanted, “Lord, have mercy” took place. Secondly, after the capture of the Cross by the Persian Army in 614, the Byzantine Emperor Heraclius recovered the Cross in his victory in 629. We celebrate this feast as the new church year begins in order to remind ourselves that if the Cross has become hidden under the cares and distractions of life to uncover it, for through the Cross, and from the Cross, Jesus forgives our sins when we ask the Lord for mercy.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Office Schedule. The Parish Office will be closed today, Sunday, September 13th, to accommodate the festival. Sunday office hours will resume next Sunday, September 20th.

Festival Workers Parking. Parking is available for early birds on the grass area across from the rectory garage if it is **NOT** raining. If it is raining or the ground is wet, this parking will **NOT** be available to workers.

Slavic American Festival. The Slavic American Festival is TODAY! The festival begins at 12:00 Noon.

Festival Rummage Sale. The rummage sale area will be open to parishioners this morning between Divine Liturgies for the convenience of early birds.

Slavic American Festival Raffle Tickets. If you did not send in your raffle ticket check in time, don't forget you can still purchase tickets during the Festival. Tickets will be on sale from 12:00 Noon until 5:00 PM today.

Slovakia's Ambassador to US to visit. His Excellency, Peter Kmec, the Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the United States, is scheduled to visit our parish for the Slavic American festival today. The protocol when addressing the ambassador is “Your Excellency,” “Mr. Ambassador,” or “Ambassador Kmec.”

The Bookstore Is Open for You. The Epiphany Bookstore is open each Sunday between liturgies in the Parish Center. Please check out the icons, books, religious goods and gift items available. All proceeds benefit the Epiphany Building Fund.

Order Your Personal Copy of our Marian Shrine Icon. Epiphany Bookstore is accepting orders for a Marian Shrine Icon, using an image of our own Church's beautiful Marian Shrine Icon. Come by the Bookstore to see a sample and place your order. Orders will be accepted through Sunday 10/11/2015. Full payment will be required with your order. Icons will be available for pickup in 4 to 6 weeks of your order. The Bookstore is open today in the Parish Center. Stop by their table.

Save the Date. The 8th Annual Susco 8K will be held this Saturday, September 19th at South Lakes High School. The event starts at 8:30 AM and will also include a 2K fun walk. Proceeds from the event are to benefit the Brain Aneurysm Foundation and the Washington Regional Transplant Community. For more information, to register, donate, or volunteer, visit our website www.Susco8K or call Tom or Nancy Susco at 703-742-0582.

Bingo Temporary Volunteer. Bingo is in need of a temporary food server on the second Tuesday of the month. If you are able to help out for a limited time please contact Eddie Gubanich 703-978-3824; Jack Kepick 703-455-6510; or Dolores Opachko 703-938-2373.

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09/15/15	Team D
09/22/15	Team A
09/29/15	Team B
10/06/15	Team C
http://EMCBINGO.com	

EPARCHIAL AND OTHER CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Meeting of Families. The World Meeting of Families 2015 will be held at the Philadelphia Convention Center and other locations in Philadelphia, PA September 22-25.

Eparchial Family Days of Recollection are coming! The Eparchy invites **all parishioners** – singles, families, married and engaged couples, young adults and seniors – to participate in this continuing celebration of the World Meeting of Families. *Our Church, Our Family, Our Mission: Called to Love* will be held at 5 locations throughout the Eparchy. **All are welcome to attend at any of the host parish sites** for a day of talks for adults, age-appropriate activities for children and Byzanteens, and faith-sharing for all. The *Days* are FREE and include continental breakfast and lunch, but **registration is required.** Check with your parish and the Eastern Catholic Life for a brochure and registration form. You may also register using the parish sign-up sheet. Email Fr. Ed Cimbala – FrEdStMary@aol.com – for more information. We all come from a family, and participate in family life in different ways. The Days of Recollection are an opportunity for each of us, as God's Family, to move closer to Christ, and each other! Don't forget to "Like" us on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/EparchyPassaicWMOF>

Come and See: Retreat of Discernment. WHAT: "Come and See" is a retreat weekend hosted by the Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The retreat includes sharing liturgical services and meals with the Seminary community, an introduction to the Seminary formation program, a tour of the Seminary, gatherings with the seminarians, witness talks, and guided reflections on discernment - on how to listen to God's plans for your future and your happiness. **WHO:** Invited are men, ages 18 to 35, single or married, who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood in the Byzantine Catholic Church. It is important to note that the retreat is conducted in a "no pressure, no hard-sell" environment. The atmosphere is prayerful, positive, and fraternal. **WHEN:** Friday evening (5:00 PM), 16 October 2015 through Sunday afternoon (3:30 PM), 18 October 2015. **Where:** Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius, 3605 Perrysville Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15214 Phone 412-321-8383. **TUITION:** Free! There is no charge for the retreat, meals, and lodging. **TRANSPORT:** Retreat participants are responsible for the arrangements of and expenses for their transportation to Pittsburgh. Eparchial Vocations Offices may have scholarships or grants available for travel to this event, so please inform your Vocations Director of your plans to attend. Vehicle transportation from the Pittsburgh airport or train and bus stations and back will be arranged as indicated on the registration form. *Airport or station arrivals should be by 3:30 PM on Friday, 16 October if possible. Departures are to be scheduled after 5:30 PM on Sunday, 18 October.* **REGISTRATION:** Please submit a completed registration form, available at your parish office, by mail or fax to: *Come and See Retreat*, c/o Byzantine Catholic Seminary, 3605 Perrysville Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15214 office@bcs.edu. Fax Number: 412-321-9936. You can also complete and submit an on-line form. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office. All registration forms must be sent in by 30 September 2015. An informational brochure is available in the church narthex.